



*January 3, 2025 - Edition #668*

*This year's 94th Annual World Championship Sled Dog Derby is scheduled for Feb. 21 - 23 See page seven for more info!*

**BRIDGES TO THE PAST:**  
*A Guide to the Historic Bridges of Laconia*



***Welcome to  
Laconia Links!***

We hope you enjoy this issue of our weekly e-mail newsletter created to keep you up to date on City of Laconia news and activities. If you would like the newsletter sent to your email each Friday, or if you have changes to your email subscription, please call the City Manager's office at (603) 527-1270 or email us at [info@laconianh.gov](mailto:info@laconianh.gov).



In order to recognize the history of the road, pedestrian and railroad bridges in Laconia, the City has developed and published a booklet titled:

**Bridges to the past:  
A Guide to the Historic Bridges of Laconia**

The guide is available for review on the City's website [here](#); copies are also available for reading at the Laconia Public Library, Laconia Public Works and the City Manager's office in Laconia City Hall.

Limited copies are presently available at Laconia Public Works and the City Manager's Office for those residents who want a copy of their own.

# UPCOMING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

**MON 1/6****Sensory Storytime @10am** - Best for newborns to age 6.**KID****TUE 1/7****Death Café @10am** - tea, coffee, dessert and discussion.**ADULT****TUE 1/7****Lego Club @3:30pm** - best for ages 6-12.**KID****TUE 1/7****Teen Craft @3:30pm** - Vision boards!**TEEN****WED 1/8****Toddler Time @10am** - Best for ages 3 and under.**KID****WED 1/8****Mystery Book Group @4pm** - 'How to Solve Your Own Murder'**ADULT****THU 1/9****Guided Meditation and Journaling with Clare Persson @10am****ADULT****THU 1/9****Preschool Pals @10am** - Best for ages 3 -6.**KID****THU 1/9****Nonfiction Book Group @6pm** - 'The Woman In Me'**ADULT****MON 1/13****Sensory Storytime @10am** - Best for newborns to age 6.**KID**

## CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!

<http://laconialibrary.org>

follow us: @laconialibrary

call: (603) 524-4775

text: (603) 556-4666

email: [info@laconialibrary.org](mailto:info@laconialibrary.org)[Sign-up for our monthly email newsletter](#)

Visit our  
website for all  
our Library  
events.

**Library Hours**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Goss Reading Room Closed

# Look what's happening at Prescott Farm!



## Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

### UPCOMING Community Connection Programs



Saturday 10 am-1 pm \$35 (Non-Members); \$20 for Members

#### Introduction to Home Cheesemaking

This hands-on workshop will cover the basics of how to make simple, delicious cheese in your own kitchen. We will cover equipment, supplies, and basic techniques used to make most types of cheese. Each participant will take part in making a batch of fresh mozzarella, ricotta, and paneer which will be made from start to finish in the class. Participants will take home instructions and a set of ingredients (minus the milk) to make a batch or two at home.

**Jan 11 2025**



Saturday 1-3 pm \$15 (Non-Members); FREE for Members

#### Winter Tree ID

Leaves are not the only way to identify trees and, in fact, winter lends itself to using bark, buds, fruit and plant architecture to identify woody plants. Join us as we amble through the woods at Prescott Farm to identify common New England trees and shrubs. Snowshoes available (no extra charge) to borrow or guests may bring their own.

**Jan 11 2025**



Tuesday 5-6:30 pm \$15 (Non-Members); FREE for Members

#### Full Moon Snowshoe Hike

Explore Prescott Farm in a different and special way. Inspired by the weather and the dynamic calendar of the natural world, topics discussed on our moonlit walk will vary but may include: identifying constellations, habits of nocturnal animals, and testing your own night vision abilities. Snowshoes available (no extra charge) to borrow or guests may bring their own.

**Jan 14 2025**

Additional programs, series, and registration details  
[prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org)

928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, NH (603) 366-5695 [info@prescottfarm.org](mailto:info@prescottfarm.org)



## Prescott Farm

Environmental Education Center

### UPCOMING Community Connection Programs



Saturday 10 am-12 pm \$40 (Non-Members); \$25 for Members

#### Beginner Soapmaking

Learn how to safely make your very own soap. We will cover the basics of the soapmaking process and the equipment required to make more at home. Each participant will take home about 10 bars of seasonally scented soap to enjoy.

**Jan 4 2025**



Saturday 10 am-12 pm \$30 (Non-Members); \$15 for Members

#### Nature Writing in Winter

The personal nature writing essay is the place where the living world and our experience of it meets on the page. In this winter writing workshop, participants will learn how to put words and sentences together and structure experience in nature into a narrative. Start by spending time outdoors in silence: walking Prescott Farm's trails or sitting quietly and allowing your senses to take in the world around you. You'll come back inside for hot tea, conversation, and writing prompts. With a collection of small winter wonders from the natural world, and our experiences of the season, practice weaving together nature writing and memoir, and work to outline the beginnings of a short, lyrical essay.

**Jan 4 2025**



Saturday 2-4 pm \$15 (Non-Members); FREE for Members

#### Tracking NH Wildlife

Not all New Hampshire animals hibernate or migrate. There are lots of native animals who live in NH year round! Join us to learn how they survive and practice reading their tracks to know what they're up to. Snowshoes available (no extra charge) to borrow or guests may bring their own.

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**The new 2025 Curbside/ Recycling Collection Calendar is now available!**

**Click on the calendar image above for a full-sized version, or pick up a copy at the Department of Public Works or the City Clerk's Office.**

**Sand is available!**



Laconia residents needing sand for their driveways or walkways during icy weather can get sand from our Department of Public Works.

There is a sand pile for residential use located at our DPW garage at 257 Messer Street. Residents can get a maximum of two five-gallon pails (or the equivalent). Please do not take sand from our facility on Bisson Avenue; it is for City use only to maintain our streets and sidewalks.

Questions? Please call (603) 528-6379.

## ***New 2025 City Hall Holiday and City Council Meeting Calendars!***

For your convenience, our 2025 City Hall Office Holiday Closing Calendar can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

And please mark your calendars with the dates of ***City Council meetings*** in 2025! We appreciate public input and invite you to attend any of our meetings.

Meeting agendas for the City Council, as well as other City Boards and Commissions, are available on our website [here](#).

Questions?

Please call the City Manager's Office at 603-527-1270.



# BE THE BADGE

**APPLY NOW**



For More Information  
Click Here

**SALARY RANGE:**  
**\$64,438.30-\$97,843.29**  
 \*Certified officers start higher based on qualifications & experience

**UP TO \$4,000 SIGN-ON BONUS**

**NATIONALLY ACCREDITED AGENCY**

## Did you know?

The details of a New Hampshire State Trooper uniform have significant meaning to the State of New Hampshire.

**Our summer uniform has 9 brass buttons, for New Hampshire being the ninth state in the Union.**



## Winter Parking Ban!

The City of Laconia's winter parking ban is now in effect. No vehicle is allowed to be parked on a public street between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:30 a.m.

This parking ban allows our City vehicles to safely and effectively keep our streets passable during and after a winter storm. Failure to comply with the winter parking ban may result in your vehicle being towed at your expense.

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

## RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH A NEW CAREER! 2025 REGIONAL VIRTUAL JOB FAIRS



## LAKES REGION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025

11AM - 1PM

EMPLOYERS AND JOB SEEKERS MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND

[HTTPS://VIRTUALJOBFAIRS.NH.GOV](https://virtualjobfairs.nh.gov)

CLICK OR  
SCAN TO  
REGISTER!



# Rejuvenation, Resiliency and Resources Camaraderie and Kindness

## All Caregivers Welcome

**Join us the 3rd Wednesday  
of the month  
9:30 – 11:00 am**

**Tilly Market Café, Belmont**

*All types of caregivers invited,  
including family, paid and contracted, kinship  
and any others in caregiving arenas.*

Contact Trudy with questions 603.581.1553  
or email [Trudy.poire@lrccs.org](mailto:Trudy.poire@lrccs.org)

1/15/25, 2/19/25, 3/19/25, 4/16/25, 5/21/25, 6/18/25

**TILLY**  
MARKET CAFE

LAKE REGION  
**COMMUNITY  
SERVICES**

*Engage. Empower. Inspire.*



### *Join us for our annual 603 United Soiree!*

Escape the cold and join us for a night of dancing, hors d'oeuvres, & drinks, at one of the finest venues in the Lakes Region – the Lakeport Opera House! The 603 Soirée is a night to kick off the New Year, mingle, and raise awareness and funds for 603 United.

The night will begin at 6pm, with Teebz Music Entertainment, heavy Hors d'Oeuvres from Fratellos and late night pizza from South End. Specialty cocktails, beer/wine (cash bar) and auction items will be for sale.

Bring your friends, family, dress up or dress down and come dance the night away! P.S: Tickets will go fast! To purchase your tickets now, please visit our website [here](#).

## **LACONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT**

848 North Main Street  
Laconia, New Hampshire 03246  
603.524.6881 FAX: 603.524.0437

Headquarters  
848 North Main Street

Weirs Beach  
11 Lucerne Avenue

Timothy Joubert  
Chief of Department

Jason D. Ellingson  
Assistant Chief

Deputy Chief  
Jason A. Bean

[www.Laconianh.gov/fire](http://www.Laconianh.gov/fire)

### **Fraudulent Donation Scam**

It has come to the attention of the Laconia Fire Department that several Laconia residents have received donation requests over the telephone from someone pretending to be affiliated with the department. The calls consistently target senior citizens with the standard request for credit card information. The Laconia Fire Department does not conduct fundraisers or donation requests over the telephone. Anyone requesting a donation over the telephone is not associated with the department. Please contact the Laconia Police Department at 603-524-5252 if you have been or are contacted for a telephone donation request.

If you would like more information about this topic please contact Laconia Fire Chief Tim Joubert at 603-524-6881.

## **ATTENTION LACONIA RESIDENTS DISPOSAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES**

Laconia residents can bring their Christmas trees to either the City's Transfer Station at 385 Meredith Center Road Monday-Friday 7:30am to 3:30pm, Saturday 8:00am to 12:00pm. Laconia Residents may also bring them to the designated area in the parking lot at the end of Memorial Park Drive (near its intersection with West St.) by Memorial Park, which is available every day. Christmas trees may also be taken to the Brush Dump on Hilliard Road. The Brush Dump is open Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm unless it snows. In the event of a snow storm, the Brush Dump will be closed to allow all Public Works personnel to work on snow removal. For more information please call Public Works at 528-6379.



**THE LAKES REGION SLED DOG CLUB'S CHAMPIONSHIP SLED DOG DERBY IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 21, 22, 23.**

**With a minimum purse of \$35,000! We are looking for sponsors and our auction is scheduled for January 25, 2025 at the Laconia Country Club. All are welcome to attend and/or donate items.**

**Click [here](#) for more information!**

Hybrid Course!  
Attend in person  
at 719 N. Main St.  
Laconia, NH  
or Virtually via  
Zoom

# **ACTIVE PARENTING OF TEENS**

## **FOR PARENTS OF TEENS AND 'TWEENS'**

6-Week Series begins Jan 14, 2025  
Class meets Tuesdays from 6-8pm

### **PURPOSE:**

To provide training & support for families experiencing the dynamic changes of teenage development and to help parents & other caregivers prepare teens and preteens to survive & thrive in today's society.

### **TOPICS COVERED:**

- Methods of respectful discipline
- Skills for clear, honest communication
- Concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior
- How to be an encouraging parent



**REGISTER AT:**  
**[WWW.LRCS.ORG/PARENTEDREGISTRATION](http://WWW.LRCS.ORG/PARENTEDREGISTRATION)**

For participants who attend in person, dinner will be served during class and on-site childcare may be available if reserved at the time of registration.



The Linden  
Foundation



## New Hampshire FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT

If you've ever wanted to try ice fishing, why not take advantage of New Hampshire's winter free fishing day on **Saturday, January 18, 2025**. That's a day you can fish without a license in New Hampshire!

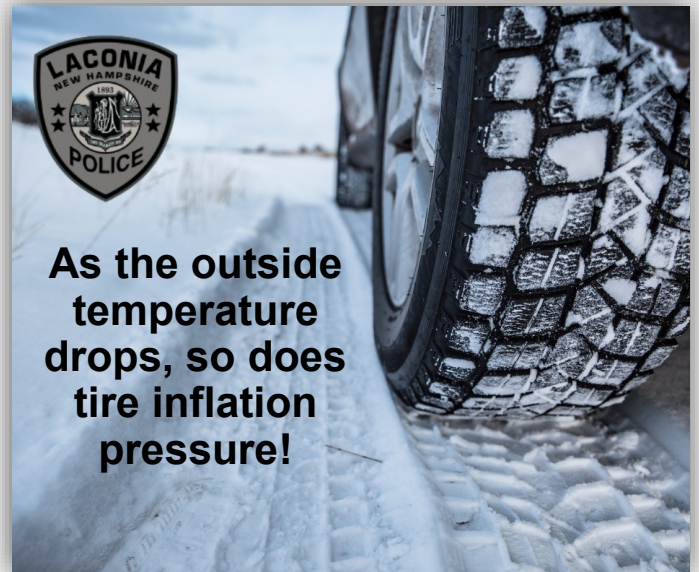
This annual winter event takes place on the third Saturday in January each year. New Hampshire also offers a free fishing day on the first Saturday in June. Persons participating in a fishing tournament must still hold a license on free fishing day, however.

Find more information about ice fishing in New Hampshire, including videos, a list of bait dealers, and more at [www.wildlife.nh.gov/fishing-new-hampshire/ice-fishing](http://www.wildlife.nh.gov/fishing-new-hampshire/ice-fishing).

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is the guardian of the state's marine, fish, and wildlife resources and their habitats. Visit [www.wildlife.nh.gov](http://www.wildlife.nh.gov) to learn more.

Make sure each tire is filled to the vehicle manufacturer's recommended inflation pressure, which is in your owner's manual and on a label located on the driver's side door frame. Do not inflate your tires to the pressure listed on the tire itself. That number is the maximum pressure the tire can hold, not the recommended pressure for your vehicle.

- Inspect your tires at least once a month and before long road trips.
- It's best to check the tires when they're cold, meaning that they have not been driven on for at least three hours.
- Check each tire's age. Some vehicle manufacturers recommend replacing tires every six years regardless of use.
- An inspection is not just about checking tire pressure and age. Remember to check for any damage or conditions that may need attention, the tread and sidewalls for any cuts, punctures, bulges, scrapes, cracks, or bumps. The tread should be at least 2/32 of an inch or greater on all tires; and check your spare tire.
- If you find tire damage, take your vehicle to a tire service professional.



***The Laconia Police Department wants you and your vehicle to be prepared this season. Drive with care and get to your destination safely!***

# AmeriCorps Senior Companion Program

**We are a Statewide Program**

**603-225-3295 x1114**



**We Provide**



## **Volunteer With Us**

- **Adults aged 55+**
- **Receive an hourly tax free stipend that does not affect social security, rent or any other benefits**
- **Receive mileage reimbursement**
- **Create your own schedule**
- **Receive ongoing paid training**
- **Receive ongoing support**
- **Receive annual volunteer recognition**
- **Create lifelong friendships**
- **Learn about community resources available to you**

- **Long term companionship**
- **Friendly weekly visits**
- **Assistance with errands**
- **Accompaniment to social events/outings**
- **Encouragement to remain active**
- **Community resource referrals (as needed)**
- **Respite to unpaid caregivers**
- **Participation in hobbies and activities of interest**



**AmeriCorps  
Seniors**



# NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS!

Property tax bills were mailed on December 9, 2024 and are due January 10, 2025.

Questions about your assessed value should be directed to the Assessing Office at 603-527-1268. Questions about payments should be directed to the Tax Office at 603-527-1269.

Payment options are: In-person, at the City Clerk's office, the drop box on the side of City Hall, through the mail at PO Box 489, Laconia, NH 03247, over the phone at 1-855-906-0411 or online at [www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)

Please note there is a fee of 3.25% for all credit/debit card transactions and a \$0.40 fee for all ACH transactions that are done online. There is a 2.99% fee for all credit/debit card transactions done at the counter in City Hall.



*From Left: Dianne Battles and Ron Palsgrove (Garden Center Managers), Deb Williams (NH Gleans-Belknap County), Pat and Patty Gianunzio (Petal Pushers, Owners)*

## 2024 Cooperator of Year

The Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD) and the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Districts have selected Petal Pushers Farm, a Laconia based garden center, as their 2024 Cooperator of the Year.

A Cooperator is a private citizen, business, or municipality that implements conservation practices in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) and their affiliates, such as BCCD.

Petal Pushers Farm was awarded Cooperator of the Year for their participation in growing crops for the NH Gleans-Belknap County food donation program administered by BCCD, and their use of agricultural best management practices that extend the growing season in a way that conserves water and maintains healthy soils.

For more information on the conservation practices offered by the USDA-NRCS visit website <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/NewHampshire> and for the activities of BCCD visit [www.belknapccd.org](http://www.belknapccd.org) or call 603-527-5880.

**Curbside  
recycling will  
be picked up  
the week of  
January 13!**



## **Jewelry Making Workshop**

**Saturday, January 11th**

**11:00am - 2:00pm**

*Register in advance at the admission desk or  
[belknapmill.org/classes](http://belknapmill.org/classes)*



### **Belknap Mill Museum**

*Where Art and History come to life!*

25 Beacon Street East, Laconia, NH 03246  
[www.belknapmill.org](http://www.belknapmill.org)



## **Family Craft Days**

1st and 3rd Saturdays

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Fun for all ages!



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JANUARY IS  
**NATIONAL  
BLOOD DONOR  
MONTH**

**MAKE A LIFE  
SAVING DONATION**

Click [here](#) for the American Red Cross website and schedule your blood donation today!



## **Knitting Mittens**

**Begins Saturday, January 11th**

**2:00 pm-3:30 pm**

**6- week series**

*Register in advance at the admission desk or  
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Recent weather conditions have made it difficult to keep the ice frozen and smooth at the City's skating rink at Memorial Park.

Please contact the Parks and Rec Department at 603-524-5046 for updates and information on our outdoor recreation facilities.

*Have a fun and  
safe winter!*



## LACONIA SENIOR CENTER (603) 524-7689

### JANUARY 2025 ACTIVITIES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
Activities are subject to change* *Suggested Donation \$3 per meal		Closed for Holiday 	10:30 Ping Pong & Corn Hole 11:30—Sweet & Sour Meatballs	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Puzzles & Games
6	7	8	9	10
10—Foot & BP Clinic by Granite VNA *By Appointment 10:30—Coffee Social	10-11 Activities Meeting 11:30—Meatballs in Tomato Pesto	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30 - Franklin VNA BP Clinic 10:30—Presentation by Franklin VNA 11:30— Taco Pie	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo
13	14	15	16	17
10:30-Share Stories & Coffee Social 11-Puzzles & Games	Emergency Prep by PPH @ 10:30 11:30—Tuscan Veg. Bean Stew	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	9:30—Crafts w/Mona 11:30— Chicken Tortilla Soup	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Corn Hole or Ping Pong
20	21	22	23	24
Closed for Holiday 	Advanced Directives by Lakes Region VNA @ 10:30 11:30— Beef Stew	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10:30 Ping Pong & Corn Hole 11:30— Sweet & Sour Chicken	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo
27	28	29	30	31
10—Movie & Snack 	10:30—Corn Hole & Ping Pong 11:30— Grilled Chicken in Dijon Sauce	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10-12 Prize Bingo	10—Puzzles & Games 11:30— Meatloaf & Gravy	9-9:45 Strength & Balance w/Jena 10—Corn Hole or Ping Pong



## LACONIA SENIOR CENTER #524-7689 532 MAIN STREET, LACONIA ENTRANCE & PARKING @ 184 BEACON ST. WEST FEBRUARY CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>PRIZE EVERY DAY!</b>  *28 WINNERS*	<b>GRAND PRIZE ON VALENTINE'S DAY</b>  *NASWA RESORT STAY*	<b>\$5 EACH</b> <b>NO LIMIT!</b>  PURCHASE MORE THAN ONE!		<b>FUNDRAISER FOR ACTIVITIES @ LACONIA SENIOR CENTER</b> THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT		1 \$25 Amazon Gift Card 
2 \$25 Vista Foods Gift Card 	3 Plush Faux Fur Blanket 	4 \$20 CASH & Jar of Honey 	5 AutoZone Car Shine Kit 	6 \$20 Gift Card Shooter's Tavern 	7 \$25 CASH 	8 \$20 Card to FUNSPOT 
9 \$25 Annie's Café Gift Card 	10 \$25 Hart's Turkey Farm 	11 Empire Beauty Bag (\$50 Value) 	12 \$20 Card Shooter's Tavern 	13 \$20 Card to FUNSPOT 	14 Naswa Resort Stay 	15 \$20 CASH & Yankee Candle 
16 \$20 Sunflower Foods Card 	17 \$20 CASH & BBQ Sauce 	18 \$25 Card Prescott's Florist 	19 \$50 Shaw's Gift Card 	20 \$20 Gift Card Shooter's Tavern 	21 \$20 Card to FUNSPOT 	22 \$20 CASH & Jar of Honey 
23 \$20 Gift Card Shooter's Tavern 	24 \$10 CASH & \$15 Apple Gift Card 	25 \$20 Card to FUNSPOT 	26 \$25 CASH 	27 \$20 Sunflower Foods Card 	28 \$20 CASH & Yeti Mug 	

**Purchase your February Calendar at the Laconia Senior Center for a chance to win some fabulous prizes! They are \$5/each, and a prize will be awarded every day in February!**



# OPEN HOUSE!

JAN. 16, 2025

3:00-5:00 PM

- ✓ Take a Tour
- ✓ Talk to Admissions
- ✓ Register on the Spot

*Class starts 1/21*



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COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE

LRCC.edu

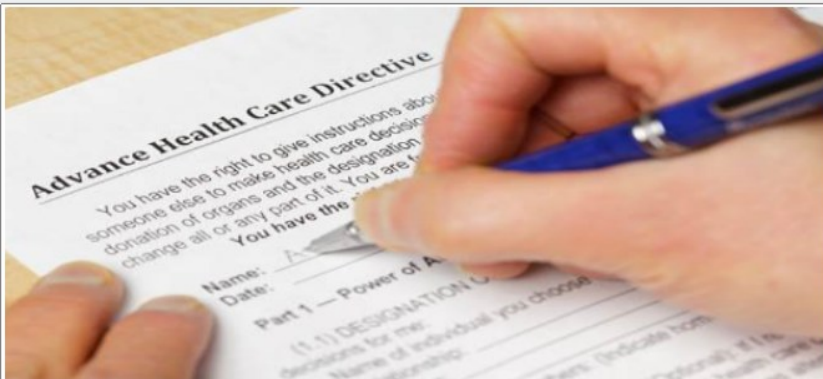


## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Please see the Public Hearing Notice on this page which has been published in the Laconia Daily Sun.

In future issues of the newsletter we will continue to provide citizens with notices of upcoming Public Hearings that may be of interest to our community.

If you have questions regarding any Public Hearing shown, please call City Hall at 603-527-1270 and we will be happy to direct you to the appropriate department. Thank you for staying informed about what is happening in City government!



## Advance Care Planning Walk-In Session

Friday, January 17, 2025  
1:00-3:00 PM

Franklin VNA & Hospice  
75 Chestnut St, Franklin

Registration is not required.  
This program is offered at no charge.

For more information,  
call (603) 934-3454 or  
email [info@franklinvna.org](mailto:info@franklinvna.org)

Franklin  
VNA & Hospice

A Franklin VNA & Hospice  
Social Worker/Notary  
Public will be available to:

- Discuss your end-of-life wishes and how to have the conversation with your loved ones about your decisions
- Review your Advanced Directives to make sure they reflect your decisions
- Assist with filling out your Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare and/or Living Will
- Provide information on resources or services that may benefit you or your family members.



## CITY OF LACONIA Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **January 13, 2025** during the regular City Council meeting which will begin at 7:00 pm in the Armand A. Bolduc City Council Chamber in Laconia City Hall, relative to:

**RESOLUTION 2024-29 – RELATIVE TO ACCEPTANCE OF AN AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,680.00 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF SWAT/SOU EQUIPMENT FOR THE LACONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Katie Gargano, City Clerk

# Our yesterdays

*Our sincere thanks to Warren D. Huse, the Laconia Historical and Museum Society, and the Laconia Daily Sun for providing a glimpse into our community's past....*



## THEN ...

Bank Square, Laconia, is seen in the 1950s at holiday time, looking south toward the Winnepesaukee River. The Laconia Spa is still located at the corner of Mill Street, at left, with Lee's Cut-Rate beyond it and, in the distance, the so-called 'Lower Bank' is glimpsed. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



## ... AND NOW

The Spa relocated to Church Street in 1957, to make way for expansion of Laconia National and City Savings banks. Large wooden building, at right in the 'then' photo, along with the former Newberry store beyond it, was removed in 1963 to make way for a drive-up bank facility. Remaining buildings at left and right were razed during the city's Urban Renewal Program of the late 1960s-early 1970s, with the exception of the Citizens Bank branch, at left, which was built in 1939 as a First National grocery store. In distance at right looms the Best Western Plus Landmark Inn, opened as a Ramada Inn in July 1974. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)

Since there was no newsletter last week, please see the next page for an additional edition of "Our Yesterdays"....

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## THEN ...

Texaco Station at the River Street end of the Church Street Bridge, Laconia, seen here in 1956, was built in 1930-1931 for Rosario Labbe and was later operated by Richard J. Perry for 20 years, then Howard K. Ballou, Goodwin & Fitzpatrick, Tom's Saw Shop for a while and, finally, Bedard's BP and then Ray's BP station. At the time of its 1931 opening, The Citizen reported: 'Of Spanish architecture, built of brick, cement and steel,' the construction of the building and yard required 800 bags of cement, a carload of sand, and two carloads of crushed rock; and about 420 pounds of copper were used for flashing and gutters.' All this work, by contractor W. M. Bisson, 'was performed in two months during the cold weather, with a 'temporary heated enclosure' erected around the building. (Laconia Historical and Museum Society)



## ... AND NOW

The filling station was torn down after serving as a contractor's yard during construction of a new Church Street Bridge, completed in mid-1981. River Street is seen at right. (Daniel Sarch/The Laconia Daily Sun)

# City of Laconia

Laconia City Hall  
45 Beacon St. East  
Laconia, NH 03246  
[www.laconianh.gov](http://www.laconianh.gov)  
[info@laconianh.gov](mailto:info@laconianh.gov)



CITY HALL HOURS:  
8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Monday through Friday  
(603) 527-1270

## SENIOR RESOURCES

ServiceLink Resource Center  
(603) 528-6945 is the first number  
to call for senior services.



Securing today  
and tomorrow



Did you know that the  
2025 Schedule of  
Social Security  
Payments is now  
available?

Get the calendar for  
the new year [here!](#)



## City Meetings

Public participation and citizen input is a vital part of City government. Below is a list of meetings scheduled for the upcoming week. As agendas become available they will be posted on the City's [website](#). Also, printed copies of any agenda are available in the City department in charge of a particular Board or Commission. You are invited and encouraged to participate in any of our public meetings. **All meetings are open to the public and are held at Laconia City Hall, unless otherwise noted:**

### Water Commission

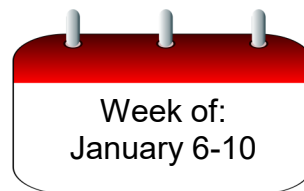
January 6, 2025 - 5:30 pm

### Agenda

### Planning Board

January 7, 2025 - 6:30 pm

### Agenda



## CITY OF LACONIA PHONE DIRECTORY

(All phone numbers below  
must be preceded by 603)

Airport .....	524-5003
Airport Manager - Marv Everson	
Assessing .....	527-1268
Assistant Assessor - Tara Baker	
City Clerk .....	527-1265
City Clerk - Katie Gargano	
City Manager .....	527-1270
City Manager - Kirk Beattie	
Code Enforcement .....	527-1293
Codes Director Joe Gray	
Conservation .....	527-1264
Conservation Technician	
Economic Development &.....	527-1270
Housing - Director - Joia Hughes	
Finance .....	524-3877
Finance Director - Glenn Smith	
Licensing .....	528-6331
Licensing - Hilary Young	
Fire Dept. (Central Station) ...	524-6881
Fire Chief - Tim Joubert	
Fire Dept. (Weirs Station) .....	366-2229
Library .....	524-4775
Library Director - Deann Hunter	
Parks & Recreation .....	524-5046
Parks & Rec. Director - Amy Lovisek	
Personnel .....	524-3877
Personnel Administrator - Lindsey Allen	
Planning & Zoning .....	527-1264
Planning & Zoning Director Rob Mora	
Police (Administration) .....	524-5257
Police (Crime Line) .....	524-1717
Police Chief - Matthew Canfield	
Public Works (Main Office) .....	528-6379
Public Works (Transfer Station)	528-5822
Public Works Director - Wes Anderson	
Tax .....	527-1269
Tax Collector - Katie Gargano	
Water .....	524-0901
Superintendent - Ben Crawford	
Welfare .....	527-1267
Welfare Technician - Cathy Raymond	

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Mayor Andrew Hosmer .....	496-2078
Bruce Cheney (Ward 1) .....	491-8946
Robert Soucy (Ward 2) .....	524-7054
Eric Hoffman (Ward 3) .....	803-3425
Mark Haynes (Ward 4) .....	524-3605
Steven Bogert (Ward 5) .....	528-0613
Tony Felch (Ward 6) .....	998-1418

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